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OFFICIAL ACO
**PLAYER'S
GUIDE**
SEASON 14

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CHAPTER 1 ACO MEMBERSHIP

1.1 ACO WORLD MEMBERSHIP

ACO Membership is \$25 and is valid through July 31st, 2019

All new or renewing Members signed up after June 1st, 2018 will be valid through July 2019

ACO WORLD MEMBERS:

- Receive an ACO Membership Card with Membership Number and welcome letter in the mail
- Are added to all eligible online ACO Standings lists
- Are eligible to earn ACO World Ranking points at ACO Regionals and ACO Majors
- Receive access the ACO Members Login Site which allows them to view their own Season stats and manage their player profile
- Are eligible to be invited to compete in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 14
- Are Cornyforty eligible
- Are TopGun Twenty eligible
- Eligible to purchase ACO Player Jerseys

1.2 ACO SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP = FREE

Must register online at WeAreCornhole.com

Valid through July 31st, 2019

All new or renewing Members signed up after June 1st, 2018 will be valid through July 2019

ACO SOCIAL MEMBERS:

- Are eligible to compete in Blind Draw and Coed Divisions
- Receive access the ACO Members Login Site which allows them to view their own Season stats and manage their player profile
- Eligible to purchase ACO Player Jerseys

1.3 HOW TO BECOME AN ACO-PRO PLAYER

There are two ways to achieve and/or maintain ACO-PRO status. To reach ACO-PRO status, a player needs only to achieve one of the following goals:

- Finish ACO Season 14 ranked in the top 80 of the ACO World Singles Standings
- Finish in the Top 96 in World Singles at the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 14

PLAYERS WHO ACHIEVE ACO-PRO STATUS ARE:

- Eligible to purchase an ACO-PRO Jersey
- Eligible for ACO-PRO Only Invitational tournaments or Events that may arise

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Once a player achieves ACO-PRO status, they will retain the status for the following 2 Seasons

ACO WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE:

- Lifetime ACO-PRO status
- Lifetime ACO Membership
- Lifetime unlimited free entries to the ACO World Championships, ACO Majors, and Conference Championships

Congrats to the World Singles Champions who have earned these benefits:

Matt Guy (KY), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds I, II, III, IV, V, X, XI

Eric Zocklein (KY), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds VI

Isidro Herrera (IL), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds VII

Bret Guy (KY), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds VIII

Jeff Reynolds (OH), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds IX

Jamie Graham (NC), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds XII

Ryan Windsor (IL), World Singles Champion - ACO Worlds 13



2.5 IS A PLAYER REQUIRED TO BE AN ACO MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE?

ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE 14

YES An ACO World Membership is required for World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, and World Juniors events

YES An ACO Social Membership is required for Coed and Blind Draw Divisions

Exemptions may apply for international players

ACO WORLD SERIES MAJORS AND REGIONALS

YES An ACO Membership is required for World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, and World Juniors Divisions

YES An ACO Social Membership is required for Coed and Blind Draw Divisions. Players/teams may sign-up for a membership on the day of the event during registration.

ACO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

YES An ACO World Membership is required for World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, and World Juniors events

YES An ACO Social Membership is required for Coed and Blind Draw Divisions. Players/teams may sign-up for a membership on the day of the event during registration.

ACO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE

YES An ACO World Membership is required for World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, and World Juniors events

YES An ACO Social Membership is required for Coed and Blind Draw Divisions. Players/teams may sign-up for a membership on the day of the event during registration.

ACO INVITATIONAL

VARIES ACO Membership requirements may vary. See specific tournament details.

ACO QUALIFIER

VARIES ACO Membership requirements may vary. See specific tournament details

OTHER

NO Membership for all other tournaments added to an event, such as luck-of-the-draw tournaments, is not required by the ACO and is at the discretion of the CO.



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CHAPTER 2

ACO CONFERENCES

2.1 ABOUT ACO CONFERENCES

THE U.S. IS SPLIT INTO 11 ACO CONFERENCES

An ACO Conference Commissioner will oversee all Certified Officials within the Conference

There new will be Conference Standings lists on AmericanCornhole.com for each Division in each Conference

Each Conference will have a Conference Championship tournament during the season, exclusively for players who reside within the Conference, in which players will have the opportunity to earn points towards their Conference Standing and win Conference titles. These points will not be applied to World Standings.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF ACO SEASON 14, FROM EACH CONFERENCE:

- The top 8 players in the ACO Conference Singles Standings, who are not already in the CornForty, will bypass the RPI at the Worlds and go straight into the ACO World Singles Championship bracket.
- The top 4 teams in the ACO Conference Doubles Standings, who are not already in the TopGun Twenty, will bypass the RPI at the Worlds and go straight into the ACO World Doubles Championship bracket.

2.2 ACO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

ACO Conference Championship tournaments will crown the best players within each ACO Conference

Held between January and June 2019

Dates and locations TBD

Only players who reside within the Conference will be permitted to participate. A Valid Driver's License or State ID will be required.

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CHAPTER 2

ACO CONFERENCES

2.3 ACO CONFERENCES AND COMMISSIONERS BREAKDOWN

NORTH-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

States included: ME, VT, MA, NH, CT, RI, NY, NJ

Commissioner: Open for future development
play@americancornhole.com / 888-563-2002

MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

States included: WV, VA, MD, DE, PA

Commissioner: Katherine Kennedy
kkennedy@americancornhole.com / 804-212-7470

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

States included: MI, IN, OH, KY

Commissioner: Scott Melby
scott@indycustomcornhole.com / 317-339-0780

SOUTH-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

States included: NC, SC, GA, FL

Commissioner: Ryan Labelle
rynlbl@yahoo.com / 864-706-2126

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE

States included: AR, TN, AL, MS, LA

Commissioner: Troy Houser
blackjackcornhole@gmail.com / 423-845-0558

MIDWEST CONFERENCE

States included: IL, WI, IA, MO, NE

Commissioner: Brian Jones
bjonesjcc69@gmail.com / 618-779-9824

THE OLD WEST CONFERENCE

States included: KS, OK, TX

Commissioner: Open for future development
play@americancornhole.com / 888-563-2002

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

States included: NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM

Commissioner: Erik Hubbard
erikhubbard@gmail.com / 702-449-7043

WEST COAST CONFERENCE

States included: CA, HI

Commissioner: William Howell
whowell@americancornhole.com / 951-440-6489

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

States included: WA, OR, ID

Commissioner: William Howell
whowell@americancornhole.com / 951-440-6489

GREAT NORTH CONFERENCE

States included: ND, SD, WY, MT, MN

Commissioner: Open for future development
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CHAPTER 3 ACO TOURNAMENTS

3.1 TYPES OF ACO TOURNAMENTS

ACO Tournaments are divided into two categories:
Points earning and Non-points earning tournaments

NON-POINTS EARNING TOURNAMENTS:

- ACO Invitationals
- ACO Qualifiers
- ACO World Championships of Cornhole
- ACO State Championships of Cornhole

POINTS EARNING TOURNAMENTS (ACO MASTERS SERIES TOURNAMENTS):

- ACO Masters Series Majors
- ACO Masters Series Regionals
- ACO Conference Championships

3.2 ACO INVATIONALS (NON-POINTS EARNING)

THE TERM "ACO INVATIONAL" REFERS TO ANY NON-POINTS EARNING EVENT COORDINATED BY THE ACO CORPORATE TEAM.

ACO Headquarters is constantly working with existing and future sponsors to continuously add bigger and better events in order to reward ACO Members. Some ACO Invitationals may be open to all players, while others may require a player to have reached "PRO" status or to have reached a certain level of points in order to participate. ACO Invitationals will be added to the Event Calendar as they are secured. *EXAMPLE: ACO Players' Championship*

3.3 ACO QUALIFIERS (NON-POINTS EARNING)

An ACO Qualifier refers to any tournament, league, or event in which the prize is an entry, or credit toward an entry to another upcoming ACO Event.

Qualifiers are open for anyone to coordinate and will receive all promotional benefits of the ACO.

CO's can purchase upcoming Event tickets and coordinate Qualifiers whenever they choose. COs running ACO Qualifiers may receive a discount on ticket prices.

The entry fee and format for an ACO Qualifier is at the discretion of the CO. Prize will be the purchased ticket to the ACO Event and other cash and prizes can be awarded at the discretion of the CO.

3.4 ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE (NON-POINTS EARNING)

THE ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE IS THE ANNUAL ACO SEASON-ENDING TOURNAMENT HELD IN JULY WHICH CROWNS THE BEST CORNHOLE PLAYERS IN THE WORLD.

3.5 PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR WORLDS

To qualify to participate in the ACO World Championships of Cornhole 14, each player must participate in the minimum number of points earning events for each Division in which they would like to participate.

Any combination of Majors, Regionals (1 Regional per month counts), Conference Championships, or State Championships for each Division in which they would like to participate over the course of ACO Season 14

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN:

- ACO World Singles – 4 Points earning events
- ACO World Doubles – 4 Points earning events
- ACO World Women – 4 Points earning events
- ACO World Seniors – 4 Points earning events
- ACO World Juniors – 4 Points earning events
- ACO Coed – 4 Points earning events

TO QUALIFY FOR THE ACO BLIND DRAW: To play in the Blind Draw Divisional Championship bracket at Worlds, a player must end ACO Season 14 in the top 128 of the Blind Draw Standings. All players outside the top 128 can participate in the Big Blind Draw Guaranteed Spots.

ONLY TOP PLAYERS/TEAMS ON THE ACO STANDINGS WILL BE GUARANTEED SPOTS AT THE ACO WORLDS 14. Space may open for additional players/teams who have reached the minimum number of points earning events if space remains.



GUARANTEED SPOTS:

- Top 256 players in the ACO World Singles Standings
- Top 128 teams in the ACO World Doubles Standings
- Top 64 players in the ACO World Seniors Standings
- Top 64 players in the ACO World Womens Standings
- Top 64 players in the ACO World Juniors Standings
- Top 64 teams in the ACO World Coed Standings
- Top 128 players in the ACO World Blind Draw Standings

3.6 HOW TO GET INTO THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS AT THE ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE

HOW TO GET INTO THE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS

- 192 total players will qualify for Championship Bracket in the ACO World Singles Division at Worlds
Top 40 (CornyForty) from the ACO World Singles Standings will bypass the RPI at the Worlds and be placed directly into the ACO World Singles Championship bracket
- The top 8 players from each Conference's Singles Standings who are not already in the CornyForty will bypass the RPI at the Worlds and be placed directly into the ACO World Singles Championship bracket – Max of 88 players
- A minimum of 64 players will qualify through the RPI at Worlds and be placed into the ACO World Singles Championship bracket

HOW TO GET INTO THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS

- 96 total teams are allowed in the Championship Bracket for the ACO World Doubles Division at Worlds
Top 20 (TopGun Twenty) from the ACO World Doubles Standings will bypass the RPI at the Worlds and be placed directly into the ACO World Doubles Championship bracket
- The top 4 teams from each Conference's Doubles Standings who are not already in the TopGun Twenty will bypass the RPI at the Worlds and be placed directly into the ACO World Doubles Championship bracket – Max of 44 teams

- A minimum of 32 teams will qualify through the RPI at the Worlds and be placed into the ACO World Singles Championship bracket

3.7 ACO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CORNHOLE 14 GOLDEN TICKET PRICING:

EACH PLAYER MUST HAVE A GOLDEN TICKET TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACO WORLDS

- A Golden ticket grants a player entry into every Division in which they qualify
- Golden Ticket pricing is based on a player's participation in points earning tournaments
- Any combination of ACO Majors, ACO Regionals (1 Regional per month counts), ACO Conference Championships, and ACO State Championships

GOLDEN TICKET PRICING:

- 4-5 points earning events = \$250
- 6 or more points earning events = \$125

3.8 WHAT IS THE ACO MASTERS SERIES (POINTS EARNING TOURNAMENTS)?

The ACO Masters Series is a world-wide Cornhole "league" in which ACO Members compete for points and prizes in Singles and/or Doubles tournament play to acquire or achieve a World or Social Standing. The ACO Masters Series is comprised of a series of points tournaments held between September and May each calendar year. A player may choose to compete in singles and/or doubles.



3.9 ABOUT THE ACO MASTERS SERIES TOURNAMENTS (POINTS EARNING)

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF ACO MASTERS SERIES TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS CAN EARN POINTS:

- ACO Regionals
- ACO Majors
- ACO Conference Championships

3.10 ACO MASTERS SERIES MAJORS

EVENTS IN WHICH PLAYERS FROM ALL REGIONS AND THROUGHOUT THE CORNHOLE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER AT ONE LOCATION TO COMPETE FOR POINTS AND PRIZES.

Coordinated by the ACO Headquarters Team

Divisions at each Major will include World Singles, Doubles, Seniors, Womens, Juniors, Coed Doubles and Blind Draw.

MAJORS WILL BE TWO DAY EVENTS:

- Friday: Blind Draw, Seniors, Womens, Juniors, Coed
- Saturday: World Singles and World Doubles

Seniors, Womens, and Juniors tourneys will all be played at the same time, so a player can only participate in one of these Divisions. However, players from these Divisions will have an opportunity to participate in the World Singles and World Doubles.

There is a projected goal of 24 Majors during ACO Season 14. These will be held at unique locations in the US.

Playing format at each Major will be standard from one location to the next throughout the Season.

A player can participate in as many Majors during the season as they wish.

Of the Majors held throughout the season, a player/team's (3) best finishes will count toward their World Standing Points total. Once a player competes in his/her 4th Masters Series Major, their lowest score will be dropped from the list, and so on.

4.11 ACO MAJORS POINT SCALE

WORLD SINGLES AND WORLD DOUBLES

Every player/team who advances from Pool Play will receive 25pts

Every player/team who advances from Pool Play will play in the Championship bracket for an additional set of points, according to the Regional below

Every player/team who does not advance from Pool Play will receive points based on their finish in the Pool according to the Regional Scale above

WORLD WOMENS, WORLD SENIORS, WORLD JUNIORS, COED, AND BLIND DRAW

1st Place = 35pts

2nd Place = 34 pts

3rd Place = 33 pts

4th Place = 32 pts

5th – 6th Place = 30 pts

7th – 8th Place = 28 pts

9th-12th Place = 26 pts

13th- 16th = 24 pts

17th and over = 22 pts



3.12 ACO MASTERS SERIES REGIONALS

EVENTS IN WHICH PLAYERS COMPETE AT A LOCAL LEVEL FOR WORLD OR SOCIAL STANDING POINTS AND PRIZES.

Held monthly beginning in September (2018) and ending in May (2019)

Coordinated by an ACO Certified Official in his/her local market at a location of his/her choice.

Certified Officials can choose which Regional Divisions they would like to coordinate in their areas based on the demand from players in that market. Certified Officials can choose from these Divisions:

WORLD SINGLES – Open to all players with an ACO World Membership

WORLD DOUBLES – Open to all players with an ACO World Membership

WOMENS SINGLES – Open to women with an ACO World Membership

SENIORS SINGLES – Open to all players 55 years and older with an ACO World Membership

A player can start the season if they are 54 yrs old, as long as they turn 55 yrs old by July 1st, 2019

JUNIORS SINGLES – Open to all players 17 years and under with an ACO World Membership

As long as a player is 17yrs or younger as of September 1st, 2018, they may play the entirety of ACO Season 14 as a Junior and compete as a Junior at the ACO Worlds 14, regardless of turning 18yrs during the season.

BLIND DRAW DOUBLES - Open to all players with an ACO World Membership or Social Membership

COED DOUBLES - Open to all players with an ACO World Membership or Social Membership

Each month's Masters Series Regional is identified by its surname.

3.13 REGIONAL GENERAL RULES

Players can participate in as many Regional and/or Majors Tournaments per month as they like.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Doubles: A player may switch partners an unlimited number of times during the Season. A new World Doubles Standing spot will be created for each new team assembled. For example: The team of Kat Kennedy and Troy Houser may be ranked 23rd, and the team of Kat Kennedy and Dallas Parsley may be ranked 75th.

MINIMUM PLAYERS – For Regional points to count, the following participation minimums for each Division must be reached:

World Singles – Minimum of 7 players

World Doubles – Minimum of 3 teams

Womens Singles – Minimum of 2 players

Seniors Singles – Minimum of 2 players

Juniors Singles – Minimum of 2 players

Coed Doubles – Minimum of 2 teams

Coed – Minimum of 2 teams

Players may participate each month in every Division in which they are eligible if scheduled tournaments do not overlap. If tournaments do overlap, then it will be the player's responsibility to choose one Division to participate, and if he or she desires, choose another location and date to play the other Division for the month.



3.14 REGIONAL POINTS SCALE:

ALL DIVISIONS AT ACO REGIONALS ARE AWARDED ACO STANDING POINTS BASED ON THEIR FINISH ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

- 1st Place = 25pts
- 2nd Place = 24 pts
- 3rd Place = 23 pts
- 4th Place = 22 pts
- 5th-6th Place = 20 pts
- 7th-8th Place = 18 pts
- 9th-12th Place = 16 pts
- 13th-16th Place = 14 pts
- 17th and over = 12pts

Players / teams can participate in as many Regionals as they like per month. Only their highest finish for the month will count toward their standing.

Of the (9) months in which Masters Series Regionals are held throughout the season, a player or team's 6 best monthly scores will count toward their final point total. Once a player competes in his/her 7th Regional month, their lowest score will be dropped from the list, and so on.

3.15 REGIONAL SCHEDULE AND NAMES:

ACO Cornhole Classic – September (2018)
ACO Hole-0-Ween Classic – October (2018)
ACO Turkeyhole Classic – November (2018)
ACO Hole-I-Day Bash – December (2018)
ACO MaizeKraze – January (2019)
ACO Icehole Classic – February (2019)
ACO Cornhole Madness – March (2019)
ACO Spring Fling – April (2019)
ACO Cornhole De Mayo – May (2019)

3.16 TOURNAMENT FORMAT FOR ALL REGIONAL DIVISIONS:

SEEDING – All Regional Divisions will be seeded based on that Division's World Standings. The first Regional(Sept. Cornhole Classic) of the season will be randomly seeded

Once the seeding has been determined, bracket play can begin. Double elimination bracket; The CO has the option of 1 game OR best 2 of 3 in the winner's bracket (to be determined at time of scheduling).

A player can come from the loser's bracket and earn first place

A player can come from the loser's bracket and earn first place

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Standings will be updated with the previous month's results by the 5th of each month.

4.17 BLIND DRAW DOUBLES – NEW FOR ACO SEASON 14!

Each player must register individually

No walkers. There must be an even number of players. Last person to register may be required to drop out

Once all players have registered, doubles teams are randomly drawn

Randomly draw teams by allowing players to choose their own cards or chips, or use a randomizing software such as Brackelope or The Hat

Randomly seed teams in a double elimination bracket

A team can come from the loser's bracket and earn 1st place

ACO Blind Draw Doubles points will be awarded to each individual player on the team based on their finish, and the Standings will consist of the individual players

Directions for entering results will be available in the ACO Video Tutorial Library in the ACO login site



CHAPTER 4 ACO WORLD STANDINGS

4.1 ACO WORLD SINGLES STANDINGS

The ACO World Singles Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in Singles (one-on-one play) Tournaments at Masters Series Events. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

THE WORD SINGLES RANKING POINTS ARE USED TO:

- Position players to win cash and prizes
- Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- Seed players at various ACO Events
- Identify the CornyForty

4.2 CORNYFORTY

The CornyForty refers to top 40 players in ACO World Singles Standings. Players earning a position in CornyForty at the conclusion of the points season win a free Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships and direct entry into the World Singles bracket, bypassing the RPI tournament. The CornyForty will be seeded 1-40 in the World Singles Bracket.

The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO World Singles Standings will be named "ACO-PRO Player of the Season"

4.3 ACO WORLD DOUBLES STANDINGS

The ACO World Doubles Standings is the list of the Teams (2 player per Team) who have earned points competing in Doubles Tournaments at Masters Series Events. The list is arranged with Teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

THE WORLD DOUBLES RANKING POINTS EARNED ARE USED TO:

- Position teams to win cash and prizes
- Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- Seed teams at various ACO Events
- Identify the TopGun Twenty

4.4 TOPGUN TWENTY

The TopGun Twenty refers to top 20 teams in ACO World Doubles Standings. Each member of a team earning a position in TopGun Twenty at the conclusion of the points season win free a free Golden Ticket to the ACO World Championships and direct entry into the World Doubles bracket, bypassing the RPI tournament. The TopGun Twenty will be seeded 1-20 in the World Doubles Bracket.

The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO World Doubles Standings will be named "ACO Team of the Season"

4.5 ACO WORLD WOMENS STANDINGS

The ACO World Womens Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in Womens Singles (one-on-one play) Tournaments at Masters Series Events. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Womens Standings will be named "ACO Womens player of the Season"

THE WORLD WOMENS RANKING POINTS ARE USED TO:

- Position players to win cash and prizes
- Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- Seed players at various ACO Events



4.6 ACO WORLD SENIORS STANDINGS

The ACO World Seniors Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in Seniors Singles (one-on-one play) Tournaments at Masters Series Events. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Seniors Standings will be named "ACO Seniors player of the Season"

THE WORD SENIORS RANKING POINTS ARE USED TO:

- Position players to win cash and prizes
- Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- Seed players at various ACO Events

4.7 ACO WORLD JUNIORS STANDINGS

The ACO World Juniors Standings is the list of ACO Members who have earned points competing in Juniors Singles (one-on-one play) Tournaments at Masters Series Events. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Juniors Standings will be named "ACO Juniors Player of the Season".

THE WORD JUNIORS RANKING POINTS ARE USED TO:

- Position players to win cash and prizes
- Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- Seed players at various ACO Events

4.8 ACO COED DOUBLES STANDINGS

The ACO Coed Doubles Standings is the list of the Teams (2 player per Team, 1 male and 1 female) Tournaments at Masters Series Events. The list is arranged with teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

The team finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Coed Doubles will be named "ACO Coed Doubles / Team of the Season"

THE COED STANDINGS POINTS ARE USED TO:

- Position players to win cash and prizes
- Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments
- Seed players at various ACO Events

ACO WORLD COED STANDINGS CONSISTS OF:

- A team's 6 best month's average Regional scores (any locations)
- A team's 3 best Major finishes (any locations)

4.9 ACO BLIND DRAW STANDINGS – NEW FOR SEASON 14!

The ACO Blind Draw Doubles Standings is the list of individual players who have earned points competing in the Blind Draw Division at ACO World Series Events. The list is arranged with players who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

The player finishing the season ranked #1 in the ACO Blind Draw Standings will be named "ACO Blind Draw Player of the Season"

THE BLIND DRAW STANDINGS POINTS ARE USED TO:

Position players to win cash and prizes

Earn invites to ACO Invitational Tournaments

ACO WORLD BLIND DRAW STANDINGS CONSISTS OF:

- A team's 6 best month's average Regional scores (any locations)
- A team's 3 best Major finishes (any locations)



4.10 ACO CONFERENCE STANDINGS

The ACO Conference Standings are the lists of ACO Members who have earned points competing in points earning events within a given Conference. World Singles, World Doubles, World Womens, World Seniors, World Juniors, Coed, and Blind Draw Doubles will all have their own individual Standings lists. The lists are arranged with players/teams who have earned the most points at the top of the Standings.

AN ACO CONFERENCE STANDINGS CONSISTS OF:

- A player/team's 6 best month's average Regional scores (from Regionals within the Conference only)
- A player/team's 3 best Major finishes (from Majors within the Conference only)
- The player/team's finish at the ACO Conference Championship

NOTE: Players who do not reside within a Conference are permitted to participate in any Regionals and/or Majors. However, those points earned will only be applied to their World Standings and will not apply to that Conference's Standings. Players who do not reside within the Conference will not be listed on the Conference Standings, they will only be listed on the Conference Standings in which they reside.

4.11 TIEBREAKERS

There will be a separate Standings list on AmericanCornhole.com for each Division

TIEBREAKERS FOR ALL STANDINGS LISTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 - Most Major points earned
- 2 - Best finish in a Major
- 4 - Best finish in a Regional
- 5 - 2nd Best finish in a Regional
- 6 - 3rd Best finish in a Regional
- 7 - 4th Best finish in a Regional
- 8 - 5th Best finish in a Regional
- 9 - Playoff at Worlds



CHAPTER 5 EQUIPMENT AND RULES

5.1 RULES FOR ACO EVENTS

ACO Rules MUST be followed during all ACO Events. For our complete ACO Rules Guide, refer to americancornhole.com

6.2 ACO RECOGNIZED EQUIPMENT

THE ACO RECOGNIZES TWO TYPES OF EQUIPMENT:

ACO Certified

ACO Approved

6.3 ACO CERTIFIED EQUIPMENT

BOARDS

- ACO Tournament Series Boards.

BAGS

- ACO PRO-450 Fasttraxx Bags (ACO Season 13 or Season 14 models)
- Reynolds Pro Edge Advantage Bags – Must have ACO Certified Bag logo
- Ultra Cornhole King Cobra-X Bags – Must have ACO Certified Bag logo

5.3 ACO APPROVED EQUIPMENT SPECS

BOARDS

- Hardwood plywood playing surface of 47.5" to 48" x 23.5" to 24" rectangle.
- The playing surface has a minimum thickness of 5/8" with cross-section backing, or 3/4" with or without cross-section backing.
- Each Board in a set should weigh no less than 25 lbs.
- Each hole is 6" diameter, centered 9" from the top of the board and 12" from each side edge.
- The front of the board is 3" to 4" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
- The back of the board is 12" from the ground to the top of the playing surface.
- The playing surface should be finished – sanded to a very smooth texture. There should be little to no blemishes in the wood surface that may disrupt or distort play.
- The playing surface can be painted with a high gloss latex paint or varnish. The surface should allow bags to slide when thrown, but not be so slippery that the bags slide back down the platform.

BAGS

- Each bag is made from two fabric squares with minimally a double-stitched seaming.
- The bags should be made from a durable fabric like a polyester blend, canvas, twill, or synthetic suede.
- Each bag measures roughly 6" by 6" filled
- Each bag weighs 15.5 to 16 ounces, approximately 450 grams
- Each bag is filled with plastic resin/beads which do not breakdown



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CHAPTER 6 ENTRY FEES

6.1 ACO REGIONALS

Certified Officials may set their own entry fees for their Regionals. Payouts are at the discretion of the Certified Official.

6.2 ACO MAJORS

Player entry fees are standard for Majors in all areas and will be listed in tourney details on AmericanCornhole.com

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